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## OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



*“For nothing will be impossible for God.” (Lk 1:37)*

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW ASSIGNMENTS:** *Deacon Stephen Gross* has been assigned to St. Peter Catholic Church in Deland. Deacon Stephen comes to us from Diocese of Atlanta. Welcome Stephen and Roxanne!

*Deacon Juan Contreras* has been assigned to Holy Redeemer in Kissimmee. Deacon Juan still maintains his position as Faith Formation Director at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

*Deacon José Class* has been assigned to St. Thomas of Aquinas, St. Cloud.

**STATEMENT OF MUTUAL EXPECTATIONS:** Your annual forms which include statements of mutual expectations and continuing education forms are due by June 1, 2019. Please schedule meetings with your pastors now. **To stay in Good Standing, please submit your annual forms by June 1, 2019.**

**KEEP CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL:** As deacons, we often hear privileged information, many times shared in confidence by our pastors. It is imperative that information of this type is held in confidence. An important example of this is priest or deacon assignments. Until a Bishop’s assignment letter is delivered to clergy, it is not official, nor should it be made public until the time specified by the Bishop. Don’t be part of the rumor mill! If you are asked by anyone to confirm what you may know as insider information, do not do so. Defer all questions regarding personnel assignments to your pastor. Respect the confidence that has been placed in you. Truly become your pastor’s trusted advisor.

**DON’T LET YOUR BACKGROUND CHECKS EXPIRE:** One of the key requirements to remain in Good Standing is to have current Background Check on file. This is fulfilled by completing the Diocesan Safe Environment Training (an online course) and having your fingerprints submitted for processing every five years. Three months before your Background Check expires, Jennifer will send you an email advising you, with the instructions on how to renew. She will repeat the advisory at two months remaining, and at one month. With three reminders, there should be no reason to not fulfill this requirement for the safety of the diocesan vulnerable populations. If you still have not renewed prior to expiration date, please note that your faculties will be immediately suspended, and you and your pastor will be notified. Thank you for your cooperation in making this last step unnecessary.



## DEACON RETREATS:

We would like to thank Father Ivan Olmo of St. Mary Catholic Church, who was the Retreat Master for our April Deacon Retreat. The Deacons who attended this retreat loved Father Ivan's passion for the Diaconate. It was no surprise to us of the positive feedback from the attendees.

We have had a lot of positive responses regarding the Deacon Retreats we sponsored in February, March, and April, 2019. If you attended and weren't able to complete the survey that was emailed to you, please email Jennifer at [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org) with your recommendations. We want to hear your likes and dislikes. Additionally, please include your suggestions as to things we can do differently next year. We will start our 2020 Deacon retreat planning sessions in June, 2019.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

*If you wish to vest and participate in this Ordination Mass for Deacon Derek Saldanha* at St James Cathedral on May 25, 2019, please let Jennifer know now. You can email her at [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org) or register online by [Clicking Here](#).

### REMINDER ON LETTERS OF GOOD STANDING

As summer is fast approaching and many of you will be taking vacations, mission trips, etc.; should you need to request a Letter of Good Standing from our office, please [CLICK HERE](#). If you meet the requirements\*\* of Good Standing, complete the form. Jennifer will get the request and prepare your letter. Requests must be made within 90 days of the event date. ***Please remember to give at least 2 weeks' notice***, as it can take that long for Father John Giel to sign the letters. Father John travels a bit in the summertime.

\*\*Please remember that your annual paperwork is due by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. If this office hasn't received it, then you ARE NOT in Good Standing.

### DATABASE UPDATES

If you have moved, changed emails, changed phone numbers, please let us know. Email these updates to Jennifer at [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org). Also, please include your wedding anniversary as we would like to recognize your first vocation.

## LITURGICAL CORNER

*Ministry of Liturgy*

### Liturgical Notes

**Become the servants of the liturgy, not its master.** This basic principle should frame all that we do as deacons serving at liturgy. As any good servant in a royal household will tell you, servants should be ‘invisible’ until their service is needed, and then simply and without great fanfare perform their required task. This is exactly our role at liturgy. Excessive or unnecessary movement draws attention to us and distracts others from their proper focus on the mass. There is a noble simplicity in the instruction in the Roman Missal which often calls priests or deacons to pray or offer an invocation ‘with hands joined.’ This saves us from the mistake of making grand or inappropriate gestures, such as assuming the *orans* posture. Following the classic instruction of “do the **red** and say the **black**,” protects us from inserting too much of our ‘personality’ into the liturgy. The faithful come to mass for a closer encounter with Jesus Christ, not the deacon. I thank you all for being servants of the liturgy. After all, *servant* is what *diákonos* means.

[DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CALENDAR](#)

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## CONTINUING FORMATION

[ORLANDO LITURGICAL CONFERENCE](#)

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### **Liturgy in Action: Crossing the Threshold**

**SAVE THE DATE! August 22nd - 24th, 2019**

Location: Hilton Orlando, 6001 Destination Parkway. Orlando

The Orlando Liturgical Conference is committed to evangelize, inspire, form, and educate diverse liturgical ministers. *"Liturgy in Action: Crossing the Threshold"* will explore how encountering Christ through the progression of the Mass leads to thresholds of transformation, inspiring us to become missionary disciples. More information will be forthcoming at [www.orlandoliturgicalconference.org](http://www.orlandoliturgicalconference.org).

[STUEBENVILLE CONFERENCE- Rest and Renewal Retreat, June 17-21, 2019.](#)

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## OUTSIDE THE WALLS

MINISTRY OF CHARITY & JUSTICE

**MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED** The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has recently updated its ministry service lists for mentoring and sacramental services to the incarcerated. We are in particular need of priests willing to celebrate Mass and Deacons to provide Eucharistic services in select prison and jail facilities throughout the Diocese. For information or inquiries please contact Deacon Richard Dodd at [volunteermti@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:volunteermti@orlandodiocese.org).

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING** The Diocese of Orlando Human Trafficking Task Force is working with community and government task forces throughout the nine counties of the diocese and with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking. Check out their web-page at <https://cflcc.org/human-trafficking-task-force/> To learn more, please visit the National Human Trafficking Resource Center or call 1-888-373-7888.

**CHAPLAINS TO BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA** The Secretariat for Laity and Family Life is in need of chaplains for the Boy Scouts of America in the Diocese of Orlando. The goal is to have one chaplain per Deanery. ***This is a fitting ministry for deacons, especially if you have a long-term association with the Boy Scouts.*** Please contact Deacon Dave Camous at [dcamous@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:dcamous@orlandodiocese.org) if interested.

**TOURISM MINISTRY** The Tourism Ministry seeks to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to travelers who visit Central Florida for work or vacation. We are currently seeking two deacons to assist with the chaplaincy at Orlando International Airport. Future opportunities for deacons include the Apostleship of the Sea at Port Canaveral and potentially at the Basilica, Mary Queen of the Universe Shrine. If interested, please contact Deacon Dave at [dcamous@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:dcamous@orlandodiocese.org).



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## FORMATION

**FORMATION WEEKEND:** Classes for the Summer.

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
All		Day of Reflection- May 11, 2019 Mental Health First Aid by CC
2020	Ethics 1: Foundations- May 25, 2019	
2022	Christian Scriptures- May 18, 2019	
2024		Discernment Reflection Assignment Due May 15, 2019

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Mark Your Calendars*

**DIOCESAN BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

([English](#) / [Spanish](#))

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION ANNOUNCEMENTS 2019**

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**2019 CONVOCATION.** **October 5, 2019** @ Annunciation in Altamonte Springs.

Mass @ 8:00 a.m. with the Rite of Acolyte (Cohort 2020)

**Bishop John Noonan presiding**

**Keynote Speaker: TBD**

For a complete list of calendar of events visit the [Deacon Webpage](#).

**QUESTIONS?** If you have particular questions you would like to see addressed by this office, you may email your question(s) to [dcamous@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:dcamous@orlandodiocese.org) or [jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org](mailto:jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org).

*“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.”* (Jn 16:12)